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Report from Kobe—Emigrants recommended for rejection.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Fowler reports, December 20, as follows: Number of emigrants per steamship *Mongolia* recommended November 27 to December 11, 1904, for rejection: For Honolulu, 5; for San Francisco, 2. Per steamship *Doric*, for Manila, 79. Per steamship *China*, for Honolulu, 5; for San Francisco, 2.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Reports from Manila—Establishment of leper colony on island of Culion—Spread of smallpox in the provinces checked—Effect of general vaccination—Inspection of vessels bound to United States port.

Chief Quarantine Officer Heiser reports, December 2 and 10, as follows:

No quarantinable diseases were reported in the city of Manila for the week ended November 26, 1904.

LEPROSY

The establishment of the new leper colony on the island of Culion is being pushed vigorously, and it is hoped that in a few weeks it will have sufficiently advanced to permit the removal of a few hundred lepers to the new location. Arrangements are now being made with the board of health with a view to transporting the lepers without unnecessarily endangering the traveling public. Immediately after the lepers are disembarked the vessel will proceed to the quarantine station at either Cebu or Mariveles for thorough disinfection.

SMALLPOX.

The spread of smallpox in the provincial districts, mentioned in previous reports, seems to have been effectually checked. At any rate, no further cases have been detected aboard vessels. Vaccinating parties, which the board of health has sent into the worse infected districts, are reported to be coping with the disease in a very successful manner. The effect of general vaccination, which is now being done throughout the islands, is being gradually observed. Many towns from which smallpox has been reported almost constantly during the past few years have lately been free from the disease.

During the week only 1 vessel cleared for the United States, namely: The American schooner *Commerce* on November 26, for Port Town-

send. Crew were inspected on board at hour of sailing.

During the week ended December 3, 1904, there were no quarantinable diseases reported for the city of Manila.

The following vessels cleared for ports in the United States:

December 3, 1904, the British steamer *Kennebec*, en route from Yokohama to New York, was granted a supplemental bill of health. The crew and passengers were inspected on board immediately prior to the sailing of the vessel.

December 3, 1904, the British steamer *Indrawadi*, en route from Yokohama to New York, was granted a supplemental bill of health. Crew were inspected on board prior to the vessel's departure from this port.